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For : ANALYSIS APPARATUS  
Serial No. : 09/937 547  
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Filed : September 26, 2001  
Our Ref. : HPBC C-83

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Kindly forward the attached Supplemental Response and  
Information Disclosure Statement to Examiner Constantine  
Hannaher, Group 2878.

Thank you.

Regards,



Dale H. Thiel

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Encl.: Supplemental Response and Information Disclosure  
Statement dated February 5, 2004

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Sir:

Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☐ The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE AND  
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Sir:

In further response to the Office Action mailed June 26,  
2003, Applicants amend as follows:

(Please see following pages.)